

# Office Action Summary

Application No.  
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Examiner  
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Group Art Unit  
2722



☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This action is FINAL.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claim

☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 14-19 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 14 is/are rejected.

☒ Claim(s) 15-19 is/are objected to.

☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☒ The drawing(s) filed on Jul 14, 1998 is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Drawings*

1. The drawings are objected to because fig. 7, box 114 "T" should read --TO--. Fig. 8, box 136 "vioce" should read --voice--. Fig. 9, box 160 "renered" should read --rendered--.

Correction is required.

### *Claim Objections*

2. Claims 1-6 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 1, line 10 "the" should be deleted. Claims 2-6 are objected to for depending on claim 1. Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

3. Claims 2-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites that the transmission job originating station comprises an information receiving subsystem which is remotely located from the transmission job originating station. How can the transmission job originating station comprise the information receiving subsystem and the information receiving subsystem be remotely located from the transmission job originating station? Claims 3-6 are rejected for depending on claim 2.

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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bloomfield(US 5404231).

Bloomfield teaches a facility which enhances facsimile communications. Fig. 1 reads on the printing system. The fax equipped computer(20b) and the fax terminal(16b) reads on the printing machine. A waybill form(102; fig. 4) reads on the job ticket. Each of the items on the form(102) reads on the set of job execution attributes. A confidential retrieval code mark(124) reads on the one programmable set of information. A facsimile store and forward facility(F-SAFF 10) reads on the transmission job originating station. A confirmation facsimile number mark area(122) represents the confirmation destination. A data interface(52) reads on the document generating subsystem. A fax terminal(16b) reads on the user interface. An optical character recognition subsystem(72) reads on the control subsystem.

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claims 15-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly A. Williams whose telephone number is (703) 305-4863.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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